

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 543**SENATE BILL NO. 1474****By McNally****Substituted for: House Bill No. 1518****By Hackworth**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-204(i)(1), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

, except that, in no event shall such fee schedule set forth differing rates for reimbursement or conversion factors for reimbursement of physical or occupational therapy services based or dependent on whether the services are performed in independently-owned facilities or physician-affiliated facilities, and shall not otherwise consider the physician ownership in the facility providing services. However, differing reimbursement rates may be implemented by the commissioner upon the department's presentation of Tennessee data demonstrating there is a need for differing reimbursement rates for physical/occupational therapy services and the department holding a public hearing on the issue.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 12, 2007



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR